GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF KONARK
TRILOCHAN KANUNGO

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Konark in Orissa has been recognized as an International Heritage Centre;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted about the current tourist flow to 'Konark' and the potential of tourist growth − both internal and foreign in immediate future;

(d) whether Government are aware of the bad road condition from Cuttack, Bhubaneswar and Puri and lack of Railway link to 'Konark';

(e) if so, the measures being taken in this regard;

(f) whether any programme have been finalised for development in and around 'Konark';

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the efforts made by his Ministry to get converted Fulnakhera (at NH No.5) Niali-Madhab-Charichhak-Gop-Konark-Puri (at NH No.203) SH No.60 Road into National Highway?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)
(a) to (h): Information is being collected and would be placed on the Table of the House.